Re: Stanley Madaloni v. Mada Design, Inc., Civil Action No. 11 CIV 5086 (RMB) (DCF)

Your Honor:

New York, New York 10007

We are counsel to Stanley Madaloni, the plaintiff in this case and we are responding to our adversary's letter of even date. In July 2007, Mr. Madaloni entered into an Employment Agreement with Mada Design Inc., which, together with its "affiliates," is defined as the "Company" - - the term used thereafter in the Agreement. Mr. Madaloni subsequently sued Mada Design Inc. for breach of that Employment Agreement.

In the course of this litigation, counsel for Mada Design informed Magistrate Judge Freeman via letter that Mada Design is considering filing for bankruptcy and/or dissolution. This communication, dated December 5, was Mr. Madaloni's first indication of how dire Mada Design's financial position had become since July of this year, when his contract was terminated. Consequently, we are seeking permission to add a Mada Design affiliate, Iverco Inc., as a defendant. The reason we did not do that earlier was there was no perceived necessity; the situation is now changed.

Since Iverco Inc. was the entity that purchased all the stock of Mada Design in 2007, it is definitely an "affiliate" within the terms of the Employment Agreement and thus can be sued for Mada's breach as a party to the Employment Agreement. Iverco existed prior to its acquisition of Mada Design in 2007, was operated as an independent business, and received considerable management fees from Mada over the last several years. It is thus believed that Mr. Madaloni

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can collect a judgment against Iverco, if Mada goes into bankruptcy/dissolution. Consequently, we do not believe the claim to be "futile", notwithstanding the linguistic contortions in our adversary's letter.

The key question in the case is whether Mada Design can prove that Mr. Madaloni's discharge was "for cause," as Mada Design claims. Whatever records that exist to support this claim are available from Mada Design, and will be needed whether or not a bankruptcy/dissolution occurs. Further, the addition of Iverco should not impact discovery, as we have previously advised this Court.

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